BMW Car Club of America Sierra Chapter



Coming Events:

- Jul 11, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Jul 27, Sierra Buttes Tour & Poker Run
- Aug 8, Meeting/Pot Luck dinner at McGoffs
- Sep 12, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Sep 28-29, Sierra Foothills Wine Tour

# Sierra Scene

# Poker and wine highlight calendar

Two exciting driving tours are coming up during the next quarter – the *Sierra Buttes Tour & Poker Run* on Saturday, July 28, and the *Annual Wine Tour*, the weekend of September 28-29. If you haven't already signed up for these do so now as space is limited.

#### Sierra Buttes Tour & Poker Run

This tour is being coordinated by Sharon Goodrich. The plan is to leave Reno around 9 AM over Mt. Rose Hwy and on up through Truckee to Sierraville. A right on CA-49 to Bassetts and another right on Gold Lake Hwy goes to Graeagle. From there the trip will proceed on to the Plumas Pines Golf Course/Longboards Bar and Grill for lunch. The trip back is planned through Portola back to US395 to Reno. Return time is estimated at around 2:30 PM. There's also a best-poker-hand competition along the way. Should be a fun event!

#### Sierra Foothills Wine Tour

The wine tour will be the weekend of September 28-29. Plans include

visits to familiar Eldorado and Amador wineries like Dillon, Renquist, Convergence and Cooper. Lunch is planned at Sierra Vista like last year. Lodging is the Shenandoah Inn in Plymouth (2 rooms left). The event is being coordinated by DeArmond Sharp. Call De now if you want to participate.



Pictures from the Wine Tour in 2010. It's always a great overnight trip!

April-June 2013

### From the President's Desk

It's hard to believe summer is here by the cool days we have had lately. There is a lot going on in your club and we hope you can join us in a future meeting or event.

We had a very successful Mystery Wine Tour on June 8<sup>th</sup> led by John and Alice Strom. New members Ron and Carmina Nicasio with their green M3 coupe and JR and Connie Fent in their black 335 CiC convertible joined in the fun. There were 12 cars on the trip to the wine country near Redding, CA. Who even knew these wineries existed? Thanks again to John and Alice for organizing this great event. In July, Andy and Sharon Goodrich are leading the Sierra Buttes day tour around the Truckee area. There will be a poker run for all participants and a nice gift will be going to the winner of the best poker hand. There is still time to sign up so don't miss out on this new event.

It looks like the Monterey Oktoberfest will be breaking all records for attendance this year. There are already over 900 participants with the majority of the driving events full, but there is still time to join in the fun. Now is the time to register.

The August meeting will be held at our house in ArrowCreek,

followed by a potluck dinner. The meeting will be short so we can socialize with all the members. If you haven't attended a meeting lately, this is the one to come to so mark your calendars! Please respond to the email you received so we know you are coming.

After our June meeting, most members went to the Bronx Pizzeria for a pizza and pasta dinner. This was the first time we visited the restaurant and it turned out to be a great down to earth place. If you know of other restaurants in the area that can seat 18 to 24 members and provide separate totals, please let me know. We are always looking for good restaurants to go to after the meetings.

Finally, I would like to update you on the changing of the guard in the Regional office of BMWCCA. Nick Owen has taken over for Jeff Cowan as the Pacific Region Vice President. Nick brings a tremendous amount of experience on the technical side of BMW and he will be a great addition in helping the 14 clubs from the Pacific Region to prosper.

Happy motoring,

Pat McGoff

### Legends, Festorics, O'Fest in August!

**This is the year** to enjoy two annual can't-miss automotive events in the Monterey area – *Legends of the Autobahn Concours* (Aug 16) and the *Historic races* at Laguna Seca Raceway (Aug 16-19) in August! Add to this the annual *Oktoberfest* celebration the following week (Aug 18-24) and you have the perfect car-nut/BMW-nut trifecta! *Legends* is a fabulous display of some of the most beautiful German automobiles you'll ever see. The *Historics* feature incredible racing machines from the past zooming around one of the best tracks in America. Enjoy the special BMW hospitality area. Oktoberfest is the club's annual week-long celebration. Go to the BMWCCA website for more information.

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### Mystery Wine Tour is fun for all!

The "mystery" in the *Mystery Wine Tour* was where we were going... John and Alice Strom revealed the location – the **Manton Valley in Northern California** – when the group assembled Saturday morning, June 8<sup>th</sup> at McDonalds north of Reno. The route there was over some beautiful driving roads and the 12 cars on the tour looked great as they wound through the mountains on CA-36 west of Susanville.

The tour included leisurely stops at four wineries, starting with Ringtail, where they had their picnic lunch. Shasta Daisy, Cedar Crest and Indian Peak followed, before heading to the Best Western Hilltop Inn in Redding overnight. Dinner was at C.R. Gibbs Steakhouse at the hotel. DeArmond Sharp won the Wine Knowledge quiz and a bottle of wine as the prize. The drive back Sunday morning was on-your-own, with several different routes possible. Total mileage driven – about 450 miles. Just perfect for BMW driving!!



The view of Mt. Lassen was spectacular.

A nice collection of BMWs!





Enjoying the wine at Ringtail Vineyards!



Dinner at C.R. Gibbs Steakhouse was delicious!



Pat, Joyce and Sharon taste the great whites at Ringtail.

### Put these events on your calendar!

There is an important non-club event to support – the *Annual Kars for Kids Charity Show & Shine* that will be held on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at Gilson's. All proceeds from this fun event support a good cause. Contact Gilbert Dayao for more information. There's another *Street Survival* event planned for **Saturday, October 5**, at the Mt. Rose Ski Area. Plan to come out and help teach teens how to be better, safer drivers...it's important! And the experience is wonderful! Contact Jeff Warner to volunteer. The *Annual Holiday Party* will be on **Thursday, December 12.** Once again the McGoffs and the Villars will host the appetizers and dinner respectively. It should be another great evening socializing with your BMW friends celebrating the holiday season!

### Visit <u>www.sierrabmwcarclub.org</u> for a great review of our events!!!

Have you visited our website lately? If not, you really should go there and spend a few minutes looking at the beautiful event videos Carol Villar has put together. She takes the many photos of the events and adds music to capture the wonderful experiences we've had together. Thanks, Carol, for the incredible job you do with these. They're so beautifully done and so much fun to watch! We really appreciate it!!!

For more information about club events along with lots of photos, visit: <u>www.sierrabmwcarclub.org</u>.

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